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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Savoca et al.

Group Art Unit: 1772

Serial number: 10/053,838

Examiner: NOLAN, Sandra M.

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Title:

Rubber Article Having an Outer Polymer-Coated Surface and an Inner

Chlorinated Surface

To:

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir.

This is In response to the Office Action mailed 17 April 2003.

A PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME in which to respond is included with this response.

Claims 1 - 24 are pending in this application. Claims 1 - 24 are rejected.

Attached to and made a part of this response in separate pages are

- 1. Amendment to the Specification
- 2. Amendments to the Claims including: Listing of the Claims Text of Claims Currently Under Examination
- 3. Remarks.

Applicant requests reconsideration in light of these Amendments and Remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosed are:

Amendment - 7 pgs.

Petition for Extension of Time - 1 Month

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